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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

I am writing about Proceeding #02-278 regarding rules on unsolicited fax material. As an association manager, I find these rules to be very burdensome not only on this association but also on the person who is to receive a fax.

Some of the rules' stipulations are simply ridiculous. As an example, if a person or company calls this association and requests membership information to be faxed, the rules state we first have to ask them to fax us permission to send them the material they requested. When the original request for faxed information is made, it is implied by the very nature of the request that the originator is granting permission to fax.

When a person or company becomes a member of a group, it is implied that the joiner wants information from the group; otherwise, what is the point of membership? Membership implies that the joiner will not be in a vacuum but rather will be receiving helpful information via various means.

In addition, in today's world, it will be virtually impossible to gain permission from everyone – even those who request fax material.

For a small association staff like ours (we have two staff), these rules create a recordkeeping nightmare. There are periods of time in our association where this requirement would simply grind our work to a halt because we would be doing nothing but faxing permission slips.

The FCC should back off from this rule and quite interfering with normal business practices.

Sincerely,

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